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Rat gangs are engaged all the time in the destruction of these allies of plague. This work has been energetically prosecuted for some time, and has resulted in the destruction of hundreds every week; and notwithstanding they multiply so rapidly, still it is encouraging to know that in the principal provision and rat-food districts and about the wharves there is a noticeable diminution in the number of rats, and much less destruction of meal, corn, etc.

As soon as a suspected case of plague is reported a rat gang at once operates with thoroughness all through that immediate district. Among all the thousands of rats and mice which have been caught and examined since January 1 only two have been found to be infected—one in the city proper and one in one of the suburbs. The latest report shows that during the week ending June 7, 190 rats were caught and destroyed, and 278 during the week ending June 14—468 for the two weeks and none was found infected. During the same period 881 mice were destroyed.

Under the instructions of the department this office reports to Washington all officially notified cases, but in the issuance of bills of health every suspected case is noted with dates, although it may not have been reported officially by the Surgeon General as the result of bacteriological investigation.

At the harbor master's office and other consulates clean bills of health are given in 10 days after isolation, while in this consulate 14 days must elapse before clean bills are issued. At present there is a hope that there may be no more cases of plague this year, as the usual season for the appearance of these sporadic cases is now passed.

Consul Hale further reported July 2 the occurrence of one case of plague in Trinidad.

## CHOLERA, YELLOW FEVER, PLAGUE, AND SMALLPOX.

### Reports Received During Week Ended July 12, 1912.

[These tables include cases and deaths recorded in reports received by the Surgeon General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service, from American consuls through the Department of State and from other sources.]

#### CHOLERA.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
China:				
Amoy.....	June 1.....	.....	.....	Present in vicinity. Sporadic cases occurring in the port.
Swatow.....	do.....	.....	.....	
India:				
Bombay.....	May 27-June 1....	27	23	
Madras.....	do.....	2	1	
Indo-China:				
Saigon.....	May 14-28.....	92	68	
Siam:				
Bangkok.....	Apr. 21-May 18....	.....	660	
Straits Settlements:				
Singapore.....	May 12-18.....	3	3	

#### YELLOW FEVER.

Brazil:				
Manaos.....	June 2-15.....	.....	6	
Pernambuco.....	Apr. 16-30.....	.....	3	
Mexico:				
San Juan Bautista.....	July 7.....	2	.....	
Venezuela:				
Caracas.....	May 1-31.....	.....	4	

## CHOLERA, YELLOW FEVER, PLAGUE, AND SMALLPOX—Continued.

## Reports Received During Week Ended July 12, 1912.

## PLAGUE.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Chile:				
Iquique.....	May 26-June 9....	9	6	
China:				
Amoy.....	May 20-June 1....	46	40	Present in vicinity.
Hongkong.....	May 12-18.....	208	179	
Cuba:				
Habana.....	July 4.....	1	.....	
Egypt:				
Alexandria.....	June 5-16.....	3	1	
India:				
Bombay.....	May 27-June 1....	44	40	
Karachi.....	May 2-June 1....	10	12	
Indo-China:				
Saigon.....	May 14-28.....	21	14	
Java:				
Passoeroean Residency....	May 12-25.....	16	15	
Persia:				
Bushir.....	May 12-18.....	64	61	
Porto Rico:				
San Juan.....	July 3-10.....	3	3	
Santurce.....	July 3-8.....	2	1	
Siam:				
Bangkok.....	Apr. 21-May 18....	.....	1	
Straits Settlements:				
Singapore.....	May 12-18.....	4	3	
Turkey in Asia:				
Basra.....	May 20.....	1	1	
Jiddah.....	May 18.....	1	.....	
West Indies:				
Trinidad.....	.....	.....	.....	Total Apr. 1-June 13: Cases, 11; deaths, 7, including report, p. 1060, Pt. I; 3 of these cases were in Tunapuna.
Do.....	July 2.....	1	.....	

## SMALLPOX.

Algeria:				
Algiers.....	Jan. 1-Apr. 30....	17	.....	
Constantine.....	Apr. 1-30.....	4	.....	
Austria-Hungary:				
Bohemia.....	May 12-18.....	1	.....	
Galicia.....	.....do.....	2	.....	
Brazil:				
Pernambuco.....	Apr. 16-30.....	.....	39	
Canada:				
Montreal.....	June 23-29.....	2	.....	
Quebec.....	June 16-22.....	2	.....	
Winnipeg.....	.....do.....	2	.....	
China:				
Amoy.....	May 21-27.....	.....	.....	Present in vicinity. Present.
Chungking.....	May 12-18.....	.....	.....	
Hongkong.....	.....do.....	11	6	
Egypt:				
Cairo.....	May 21-27.....	2	.....	
Germany.....	.....	.....	.....	Total June 9-23: Cases, 8.
India:				
Bombay.....	May 27-June 1....	43	32	
Madras.....	.....do.....	5	3	
Moulmine.....	Jan. 1-Mar. 30 <sup>1</sup> ....	.....	39	
Do.....	Mar. 31-May 4....	.....	46	
Indo-China:				
Saigon.....	May 14-20.....	3	2	
Italy:				
Leghorn.....	June 9-22.....	4	.....	
Naples.....	.....do.....	10	1	
Java:				
Batavia.....	May 12-25.....	5	1	
Mexico:				
Frontera.....	July 7.....	1	.....	
Mazatlan.....	June 19-25.....	.....	1	
Mexico.....	May 19-June 1....	94	43	
Portugal:				
Lisbon.....	June 7-13.....	7	.....	

<sup>1</sup> From the Veröffentlichungen des Kaiserlichen Gesundheitsamtes, May 8 and June 19, 1912.

## CHOLERA, YELLOW FEVER, PLAGUE, AND SMALLPOX—Continued.

## Reports Received During Week Ended July 12, 1912.

## SMALLPOX—Continued.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Russia:				
Odessa.....	May 19-25.....	1	1	
Do.....	June 2-8.....	1	1	
St. Petersburg.....	May 27-June 8.....	18	5	
Warsaw.....	Apr. 29-May 11.....	14	5	
Siam:				
Bangkok.....	Apr. 21-May 18.....		41	
Switzerland:				
Berne.....	May 5-11.....	2		
Geneva.....	do.....	1		
Lucerne.....	May 12-18.....	1		
Neuchatel.....	do.....	1		
Turkey in Asia.....	June 2-8.....	15		
Turkey in Europe:				
Constantinople.....	June 1-16.....		11	

## Reports Received from June 29 to July 5, 1912.

[For reports received from December 30, 1911, to June 28, 1912, see PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS for June 28, 1912. In accordance with custom, the tables of epidemic diseases are terminated semiannually and new tables begun.]

## CHOLERA.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Ceylon:				
Colombo.....	May 19-25.....	1		In the port.
India:				
Bassein.....	May 5-11.....	14	13	
Bombay.....	May 19-25.....	34	30	
Japan:				
Formosa—				
Tamsui.....	July 1.....			Present.
Russian Empire:				
Astrakhan.....	June 11.....	1	1	

## YELLOW FEVER.

Chile:				
Tocopilla.....	June 8.....			Improving.
Ecuador:				
Duran.....	May 1-15.....	1	1	
Guayaquil.....	May 1-31.....	37	21	
Milagro.....	May 16-31.....	5	2	
Naranjito.....	May 1-31.....	4	2	
Yaguachi.....	May 16-31.....	1		
Mexico:				
San Juan Bautista.....	June 23-30.....	4		
Venezuela:				
La Guaira.....	May 1.....	1		

## PLAGUE.

Ecuador:				
Guayaquil.....	May 1-31.....	4	2	
Dutch East Indies:				
Java—				
Provinces—				
Kediri.....	Mar. 31-Apr. 6.....	2	2	
Madiven.....	do.....	3	3	
Egypt:				
Alexandria.....	May 27-June 4.....	2		
Port Said.....	May 29-June 1.....	1		
Provinces—				
Assiout.....	May 25-June 1.....	2		
Beni Souef.....	May 30-June 6.....	3	3	
Carchieh.....	Apr. 28-June 4.....	1		
Fayoum.....	Apr. 28-May 4.....	1		
Minieh.....	May 27-June 5.....	13	2	

## CHOLERA, YELLOW FEVER, PLAGUE, AND SMALLPOX—Continued.

## Reports Received from June 29 to July 5, 1912.

## PLAGUE—Continued.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
India:				
Bombay.....	May 19-25.....	79	71	
Karachi.....	do.....	34	33	
Philippine Islands:				
Mariveles quarantine station.....	Apr. 30-May 7....	1	1	From s. s. Taisang from Amoy.
Porto Rico:				
Arroyo.....	To July 2.....	1	.....	On a schooner from San Juan.
Carolina.....	do.....	2	2	
San Juan.....	June 21-July 2....	9	8	Total June 14 to July 10: Cases 24, deaths 16.
Santurce.....	To July 2.....	5	2	
Straits Settlements:				
Singapore.....	May 5-11.....	1	1	

## SMALLPOX.

Australia:				
Fremantle quarantine station.	Apr. 19.....	1	.....	From s. s. Malwa from London via Colombo.
Canada:				
Provinces—				
Ontario—				
Ottawa.....	June 9-15.....	1	.....	
Windsor.....	June 12-22.....	2	.....	
Quebec—				
Montreal.....	June 16-22.....	2	.....	
Chile:				
Coquimbo.....	May 26-June 1....	7	.....	
China:				
Chungking.....	May 5-June 1....	.....	.....	Present.
Nanking.....	May 19-25.....	.....	.....	Do.
Shanghai.....	May 28-June 2....	.....	1	
Egypt:				
Cairo.....	May 14-20.....	2	.....	
Port Said.....	do.....	2	1	
France:				
Paris.....	June 2-8.....	2	1	Total June 2-8: Cases, 7.
Germany.....	.....	.....	.....	
Great Britain:				
Liverpool.....	June 2-8.....	1	.....	
India:				
Bombay.....	May 19-25.....	54	51	
Karachi.....	do.....	1	1	
Madras.....	do.....	1	1	
Italy:				
Naples.....	June 2-8.....	3	.....	
Palermo.....	May 26-June 1....	3	1	
Turin.....	June 3-9.....	1	.....	
Mexico:				
Aguascalientes.....	June 9-16.....	.....	1	
Guadalajara.....	June 9-15.....	1	2	
Juarez.....	June 16-22.....	.....	1	
San Luis Potosi.....	Apr. 7-13.....	1	1	
Portugal:				
Lisbon.....	May 27-June 2....	3	.....	
Russia:				
Warsaw.....	Apr. 21-27.....	3	4	
South Africa:				
Durban.....	Apr. 28-May 4....	4	1	
Spain:				
Valencia.....	June 2-8.....	13	.....	
Straits Settlements:				
Singapore.....	May 5-11.....	3	.....	
Turkey in Asia:				
Beirut.....	May 26-June 1....	15	.....	
Turkey in Europe:				
Constantinople.....	May 27-June 9....	.....	26	